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**JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
IOWA TASK FORCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

Mission: Promoting innovative female responsive techniques through education and advocacy

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Urbandale Public Library
3520 86th Street, Room A
Urbandale, IA

February 7, 2020

Present: Jennifer Tibbetts, Chair; Lori Rinehart, Co-Chair; Andrea Dickerson; Jackie Ellenbecker; Bethany Kohoutek; Julie Martin; Marissa Schuster; Maria Valdez*

Staff: Steve Michael; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker; Reeva Neighbors, SIYAC

Others: Glen Miller

*Joined by phone

Introductions/Announcements

Lori Rinehart called the meeting order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

- November 1, 2019

The minutes were approved as presented.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Council/CJJP Update

- Legislative issues

Steve Michael discussed the following proposed legislation:

- Placement in detention for youth waived to adult court—This legislation will align Iowa Code with recent changes/requirements by the new Juvenile Justice Reform Act. Proposed language was approved by the Governor's office, however, the deadline for pre-filing was missed. CJJP is in the process of working with the chairs of both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees to introduce the legislation.
- Transfer of oversight and administration of certain juvenile delinquency-related funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to CJJP and State Court Administration (SCA). A work group has recommended that the oversight and administration of Detention Home

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Funding be transferred to CJJP and that Graduated Sanction, court-ordered services funding be transferred to SCA. The information will be presented at a joint meeting of the Health and Human Services and Justice System Appropriations Subcommittees.

- SSB3080—This study bill relates to classroom management and reporting procedures for alleged classroom violence. It would require training for teachers to de-escalate situations and allow teachers immunity from certain disciplinary actions. It includes a grant process for school districts related to therapeutic classrooms. Michael thought the legislation was a response to recent violent behavior in schools.

Members discussed concerns such as trauma-informed approaches, youth with autism, mental health, de-escalation training, criminal charges, and the school-to-prison pipeline. Michael thought that it could possibly remove certain kids from mainstream classrooms and segregate them in separate classrooms.

Nesteby thought that class size should also be part of the discussion and policy/practices should assume that every kid has trauma. She will contact Kristen Corey, Office on the Status of Women, to see if she has information that could be shared with this task force.

Kohoutek looked up lobbyists who have registered for or against the bill. Tibbetts wondered what stance is being taken by Disability Rights Iowa (DRI) and Onelowa.

- Rinehart noted HF2199. The bill relates to digital content blocking and the creation of a fund from resulting fines to address prevention of human trafficking and child exploitation.
- SF579—a similar bill was introduced last session and requires law enforcement to collect data from non-resident aliens during stops and offenses. The data includes whether a citation or arrest was made, the type of citation, and the level of offense. That information is to be sent to CJJP which would be required to submit an annual report to the legislature. Kohoutek noted the number of organizations against the bill
- SF2129—Restoration of voting rights—Last year a similar bill passed the House, but not the Senate. This bill puts conditions upon restoration—completion of confinement term and restitution paid. If the bill passes this year, it would have to pass again next year to be in the Iowa Constitution.
- SSB3032—would remove the statute of limitations for sexual abuse 1, 2, and 3 and extends the time for civil action(s).

Tibbetts encouraged members to contact their legislators regarding their support or opposition to any of the aforementioned bills.

- **DMC subcommittee update**

In the absence of Dave Kuker, Nesteby reported that May 1 is the joint meeting between the DMC Subcommittee and this task force. She noted that the JJAC would be meeting in the fall to develop priorities for the next three years. She and Kuker have discussed a possible format for the joint meeting and thought the two entities should give consideration to providing suggestions on priorities to the JJAC.

Jackie Ellenbecker proposed having today's speakers present at that meeting since they were unavailable today. Nesteby noted that the May meeting will be shorter than normal. Ellenbecker will check on their availability and advise Nesteby.

Nesteby will work with Kuker and the DMC/task force co-chairs to develop a plan for the May joint meeting. She asked members to email any additional suggestions.

Jan. 17 Conference Call

- **“Healing Justice” and related event work**

Tibbetts reported she would like to hold work sessions in March and April to work on revisions to the “Healing Justice” publication and develop plans for a training event in the fall. A conference call option will be included.

- **Day on the Hill Planning**

Nesteby reported that the task force will have their own display table. Handouts will include copies of the IGJI executive summary, data on deep-end girls, number of placements to shelter and detention by race/gender, length of stays, average number of stays, etc.

Tibbetts will work on a display.

Advocacy Mini-training

Kohoutek reviewed procedures and protocol for meeting with legislators. Members were encouraged to submit ideas on information that legislators should know about, data requests, etc. Data may include the number of ‘crossover’ kids, length of detention stays, and five-year comparisons.

Find Our Sisters

- Guests – Sheryl Dahm, Warden & Lorie Woodard, Deputy Warden ICIW
- Volunteer for next meeting

The above individuals were unable to attend. Their presentation will be rescheduled for another date.

Goals and Objectives

Tibbetts asked members to review the current goals and objectives for further discussion at the May meeting and in preparation for the JJAC's fall retreat.

Old Business

None

New Membership

Nesteby asked members to think about others who should be around the table.

Suggestions included a professor from Iowa State and representatives from the Departments of Public Health and Education, and Girl Scouts. Tibbetts suggested conducting a gap analysis.

Adjournment

Tibbetts thanked members for their thoughtful discussion. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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